



Motor Gasoline Watch

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- Production and imports of finished gasoline each increased 0.2 million barrels per day last week. Production averaged 8.3 million barrels per day while imports were 0.4 million barrels per day. An increase of 0.9 million barrels in total gasoline stocks interrupted the pattern of gasoline stock decreases that occurred during the past nine weeks.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 11.6 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 602 thousand barrels per day of which 86 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 197 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/13/99	08/14/98	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/13/99	08/14/98
East Coast (PADD I)	1,098	1,071	1,084	1,082	1,144	650	613	660	687	646
Midwest (PADD II)	1,946	1,977	1,982	2,045	1,950	256	263	258	303	304
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,510	3,485	3,459	3,545	3,412	712	658	593	638	592
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	259	289	282	279	269	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,233	1,333	1,288	1,367	1,393	904	958	999	1,026	968
U.S. Total	8,047	8,156	8,096	8,319	8,167	2,522	2,492	2,510	2,654	2,510

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/13/99	08/13/98	07/23/99	07/30/99	08/06/99	08/13/99	08/13/98
East Coast (PADD I)	59.1	57.7	56.5	56.0	60.3	20.5	18.5	18.0	18.2	20.6
Midwest (PADD II)	55.1	56.6	52.7	54.7	54.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.7	59.9	60.8	60.3	62.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	8.9	9.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.7	5.4	5.5	4.8	6.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	24.8	24.6	25.6	26.2	29.6	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.2	13.5
U.S. Total	205.4	204.2	201.1	202.0	213.6	41.5	40.5	40.1	39.6	44.6

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- The third consecutive weekly report of a crude oil stock draw and a crude oil pipeline rupture in Texas provided the only significant upward pressure on petroleum spot prices. The rupture, which impacted deliveries to several Midwest refiners, will be repaired in two to four weeks according to company sources. A slip in gasoline spot prices was blamed on plentiful cargos in the New York Harbor and a backwardated market. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline was 62.51 cents per gallon on August 16, 1999, down 2.77 cents. Gasoline spot prices in California were off over eight cents per gallon. All California refineries are expected to return to full operations in early September.
- The average retail price for regular gasoline was up 3.0 cents per gallon this week to 123.6 cents per gallon on August 16, 1999, 21.0 cents higher than last year. In the last seven weeks, the average has risen 12.3 cents. Refinery re-openings and a drop in spot prices facilitated a 0.2 cent slip in the California average this week.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/16/99	08/17/98	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/16/99	08/17/98
New York	59.23	62.90	65.28	62.51	41.88	60.58	62.10	64.61	62.15	42.38
Chicago	58.98	60.08	63.28	62.14	41.13	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	57.13	59.70	61.58	59.39	38.63	58.05	58.85	61.41	60.50	40.25
Los Angeles	82.00	99.50	83.50	74.00	45.00	85.00	108.50	92.50	84.00	49.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/16/99	08/17/98	07/26/99	08/02/99	08/09/99	08/16/99	08/17/98
East Coast (PADD I)	111.4	112.2	113.9	115.6	96.9	117.6	118.9	120.7	122.7	104.0
Midwest (PADD II)	117.0	115.8	115.4	121.2	101.0	119.7	119.0	117.7	124.3	106.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	111.6	112.0	113.9	115.4	96.4	109.5	110.0	111.1	113.3	96.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	128.3	129.6	132.2	134.2	113.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	139.3	139.9	141.4	141.8	114.3	147.0	148.8	152.0	151.9	116.2
U.S. Average	116.6	116.5	117.4	120.7	100.6	125.2	126.1	127.5	129.9	107.2

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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